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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ENERGIZER S.A.,

**ECF CASE** 

Plaintiff,

07 Civ. 7406 (LTS)

- against -

ANSWER TO CROSSCLAIM

M/V YM GREEN, her engines, boilers and tackle in rem, YANG MING MARINE TRANSPORT CORP., YANGMING (UK) LTD., ALL OCEANS TRANSPORTATION INC., KAWASAKI KISEN KAISHA LTD., CONTERM HONG KONG LTD., VANGUARD LOGISTICS SERVICES HONG KONG LTD., FIEGE GOTH CO., LTD. and SHENZHEN HIGH POWER TECHNOLOGY CO. LTD.,

Defendan	ts.
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Defendants, CONTERM HONG KONG LTD. (hereinafter "CONTERM") and VANGUARD LOGISTICS SERVICES HONG KONG LTD. (hereinafter "VANGUARD"), as and for their Answer to the Crossclaim of defendants YANG MING MARINE TRANSPORT CORP. and YANGMING (UK) LTD. (hereinafter collectively "YANG MING") allege upon information and belief as follows:

1. Defendants CONTERM and VANGUARD repeat and reallege each and every paragraph set forth in their Answers to Complaint, Crossclaims and Counterclaims with the same force and effect as if set forth here at length.

- 2. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 46 of the Complaint and denies having sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the co-defendants.
- 3. Denies having sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 47 of the Complaint.
- 4. Defendants CONTERM and VANGUARD repeat and reallege each and every paragraph set forth in their Answer to Complaint, Crossclaims and Counterclaims with the same force and effect as if set forth here at length.
- 5. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 49 of the Complaint and denies having sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the co-defendants.
- 6. Denies having sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs 50 and 53 of the Complaint.
- 7. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs 51 and 52 of the Complaint and denies having sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the co-defendants.
- 8. Defendants CONTERM and VANGUARD repeat and reallege each and every paragraph set forth in their Answer to Complaint, Crossclaims and Counterclaims with the same force and effect as if set forth here at length.
- 9. The Contingent counterclaim (paragraphs 55-59) does not concern CONTERM or VANGUARD. As a result, neither defendant replies thereto, but instead relies upon the balance of their responses thereto.

## FOR A FIRST, SEPARATE AND COMPLETE DEFENSE

10. The Crossclaim fails to state a cause of action against defendants CONTERM and VANGUARD upon which relief can be granted.

## FOR A SECOND, SEPARATE AND COMPLETE DEFENSE

11. These defendants claim the benefit of the CONTERM Bill of Lading and the Bills of Lading issued by any parties for the cargoes in question, inclusive of applicable limitations of liability.

FOR A THIRD, SEPARATE AND COMPLETE DEFENSE

12. Any damage that was caused to the cargo in suit was the direct result of an act, fault

or neglect of YANG MING, their agents, suppliers, contractors, affiliates or subsidiaries and not

to CONTERM or VANGUARD, their agents, servants, employees, subsidiaries or affiliates

causing or contributing thereto.

FOR A FOURTH, SEPARATE AND COMPLETE DEFENSE

13. These defendants claim the benefit of the Hague Rules, Hague Visby Amendments,

SDR Protocol and any other statutes insofar as may be applicable.

FOR A FIFTH, SEPARATE AND COMPLETE DEFENSE

14. The bringing of this Crossclaim is not within the proper venue and it should be

dismissed on the ground of forum non conveniens.

FOR A SIXTH, SEPARATE AND COMPLETE DEFENSE

15. These defendants claim the benefit of all defenses raised by the co-defendants herein

insofar as may be applicable to them or either of them.

FOR A SEVENTH, SEPARATE AND COMPLETE DEFENSE

16. At all relevant times defendant VANGUARD acted as an agent for a disclosed

principal.

WHEREFORE, defendants CONTERM and VANGUARD demand judgment to dismiss

the Crossclaim of defendants YANG MING MARINE TRANSPORT CORP. and YANGMING

(UK) LTD., together with the costs, disbursements and reasonable counsel fees and for such

other or different relief as to this Court may be just in the premises.

Dated: New York, New York

April 8, 2008

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